

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 540

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of LaToya N. Pugh to the education standards recommendation committee for science.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, requires the state board of education to adopt "[new] sets of standards in science and social studies that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-310(a), requires that such standards "be adopted through an open, transparent process that allows all Tennesseans an opportunity to participate... and fully implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, provides for the creation of the standards recommendation committee for science and social studies to facilitate such process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, further provides that the "standards recommendation committee [be] appointed in the same manner as the standards recommendation committee created in 49-1-312"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed LaToya N. Pugh to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, an instructional science advisor in the department of curriculum and instruction for the Shelby County schools district in Memphis, Ms. Pugh received a master's

degree in leadership and administration from Arkansas State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Integrative Studies from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, prior to her current position, Ms. Pugh served as a curriculum technology data specialist for three years and a middle school science teacher for four years; and

WHEREAS, as an instructional science advisor, Ms. Pugh supports science teachers as they incorporate literacy in science; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pugh is a member of the National Science Teacher Association, the Tennessee Science Teacher Association, which she serves as the District 12 board member, and the Tennessee STEM Hub; she is a former Shelby Scholar STEM Fellow; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of LaToya N. Pugh to the education standards recommendation committee for science for a term that commenced on February 17, 2016, and will expire on January 10, 2017.